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In matters prosecuted by the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia:



Charleston, WV –

Randall L. Lockhart, 33, of

Wood County, WV, was sentenced today to 120 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Lockhart previously pled guilty in April 2005, admitting he possessed three firearms subsequent to being convicted of three felonies.

In July 2002, near Davisville, WV, in Wood County, Lockhart, along with Shawn Michael Zavetsky and Kristina Davis, set fire to a residence. All three individuals were stopped by the West Virginia State Police while fleeing the scene of the arson. Troopers recovered three firearms, including a sawed-off shotgun, from the vehicle. Lockhart was prohibited from possessing the firearms by virtue of three previous felony convictions in Wirt County, WV: a 1993 grand larceny conviction; and two convictions in 1994 for escape.

Zavetsky and Davis have been convicted of the arson in Wood County Circuit Court. An August trial date has been scheduled for Lockhart for his involvement in the arson.

The West Virginia State Police and the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted the investigation. United States District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin presided over the sentencing.

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